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	THEN	NOW
Medicare Enrollment	**19 million** seniors (1 in 10 Americans)	**68 million** beneficiaries (1 in 5 Americans)
Percent of Seniors with Insurance	**52%** had some sort of health insurance	Nearly **100%** covered by Medicare and supplemental plans
Medicaid & CHIP Coverage	**None** (programs didn't exist)	**82 million** Americans (1 in 4)
Poverty Rate Among Seniors	**29%**	**10%**
Life Expectancy	Male: **67** Female: **74**	Male: **76** Female: **81**
Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors	**None** (no drug benefit)	**90% covered** under Part D or Medicare Advantage
Percent of Seniors Seeing a Physician Annually	**69%**	**96%**
Uninsured Children	**31%** of low-income	**6%** of low-income
Percent of Births Covered by Medicaid	**0%**	**41%**
Infant Mortality Rate	**24** per 1,000 births	**5** per 1,000 births

*All source files for above information found on the following page

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SOURCE FILES

Medicare Enrollment
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Percent of Seniors with Insurance
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Medicaid & CHIP Coverage
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Poverty Rate Among Seniors
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Life Expectancy
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Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors
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Percent of Seniors Seeing Physician Annually
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Uninsured Children
https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/12496; https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/2024/demo/p60-284.pdf

Percent of Births Covered by Medicaid
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Infant Mortality Rate
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